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I am a 60 year old woman living in a state with 16% unemployment rate who has exhausted all UI benefits.

My company was outsourced to China and I was laid off after 30 years in June of 2008.

Due to no fault of our own, jobs have been lost for the past 15 years while being outsourced to countries where the average pay is peanuts. I have sent over 300 resumes, returned to school, attended

workshops and job fairs to no avail. Being 60 years old makes us unemployable even though we have so much to offer.

I have a 70 year old husband working at Home Depot and he is exhausted. He should have been able to retire but can't

because we can't afford to live on Social Security alone. Our home is half the value so selling is not an option.

Help us Mr. President. We are the long term unemployed who have been out of benefits for months and WE NEED YOUR HELP - NOW.

Don't let Congress take yet another vacation without extending unemployment benefits for the millions who

have been without them for months. But if they do... We NEED an Executive Order from our President to do what Congress

quite obviously cannot or will not do. For every \$1.00 of UI benefits received, we put back \$1.90 into the economy.

This is a huge **win / win** for everybody!

Why doesn't Congress understand that we pay their salaries and their insurance and their perks????? Why does the

middle class have to be homeless and destitute. You bailed out the banks and wall street, bail out main street like

you promised. UI Benefits should be available up and until jobs once again become available!!!!!